

## Aggressive Driving

Table 32 shows information about collisions in Idaho from 2000 through 2004 involving aggressive driving. The behaviors that define aggressive driving are: failure to yield right of way, passed stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and disregarded signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver and is a criminal offense.

An officer may indicate up to three contributing circumstances for each vehicle in a collision. Thus the total number of fatalities and injuries attributed to these behaviors in the top portion of the table do not equal the sum of the fatalities and injuries attributed to individual behaviors in the bottom of the table.

<b>Table 32</b> <b>Aggressive Driving Collisions: 2000-2004</b>							
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Change 2003-2004</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2000-2003</b>
Total Aggressive Driving Collisions	15,388	15,398	15,066	14,649	15,934	8.8%	-1.6%
Fatalities	120	128	138	128	116	-9.4%	2.4%
Serious Injuries	951	949	963	838	867	3.5%	-3.9%
Visible Injuries	3,358	3,254	3,223	2,895	2,614	-9.7%	-4.7%
Possible Injuries	4,807	4,770	5,023	5,065	5,519	9.0%	1.8%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	395	359	357	311	334	7.4%	-7.5%
Fail to Yield Right of Way	344	356	373	353	356	0.8%	1.0%
Exceeded Posted Speed	188	202	184	133	129	-3.0%	-9.7%
Passed Stop Sign	74	122	127	97	65	-33.0%	15.1%
Following Too Close	104	127	106	95	122	28.4%	-1.6%
Disregarded Signal	75	48	44	53	44	-17.0%	-8.0%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVM T	7.80	7.53	7.70	6.71	6.63	-1.2%	-4.7%
* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each collision							

In 2004, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 56% of all collisions in Idaho. While 67% of all aggressive driving collisions occur in urban areas, 76% of the fatal aggressive driving collisions occur in rural areas. Only 23% of all aggressive driving collisions involve a single vehicle, while 43% of fatal aggressive driving collisions involve only one vehicle. Of the 45 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 37 (or 82%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of collisions involving aggressive driving was \$834.2 million dollars in 2004. This represents 51% of the total costs of Idaho collisions (as shown in Table 4).

## **Involvement in Aggressive Driving Collisions by Driver Age**

Table 33 shows the involvement in aggressive driving collisions by driver age. Drivers, ages 19 and younger, are 4.1 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving collisions as all other drivers. While drivers ages 20 to 24 are twice as likely as all other drivers to be involved in aggressive driving collisions. (Note: odds ratios are different than the involvement rates in the table below) Drivers between the ages of 15 and 22 represent more than one-third of the drivers involved in aggressive driving collisions.